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SUBJECT: OECD COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF EC BEEF IMPORT BAN

REF: A. STATE 166632; B. USOECD 18266

1. SUMMARY. COUNCIL HEARD SECRETARIAT PRESENTATION OF SUMMARY OF JWP DISCUSSION REPORTED IN REF (B). SEVERAL, BUT NOT ALL, COUNTRIES THAT HAD SPOKEN IN JWP REITERATED THEIR CONCERN. SPAIN JOINED IN. EC ACKNOWLEDGED CONCERN. COUNCIL AGREED FURTHER INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION DESIRABLE. NEW ZEALAND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR DISCUSSION UNDER OECD AUSPICES. END SUMMARY

2. SECRETARIAT (SIMANTOV) SUMMARIZED JWP DISCUSSION. PRESENTATION WENT BEYOND REPORT SECRETARIAT PREPARED ON BASIS JWP MEETING, ((74)160, IN DESCRIBING U.S. CONCERNS

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PORT BAN. SIMANTOV READ LETTER FROM N.Z. DELEGATION ASKING FOR RECOGNITION OF CONCERN, EXPRESSED AT JWP MEETING BUT NOT INCLUDED IN ((74)160, ABOUT DISRUPTIVE EFFECT ON THIRD MARKETS OF POTENTIAL EXPORT MEASURES; IMPLIED REFERENCE WAS TO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER INCREASES IN RESTITUTION PAYMENTS. AUSTRALIA LATER ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH LETTER.

3. AUSTRIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND AUSTRALIA GENERALLY REITERATED OR RECALLED POINTS MADE IN JWP. SPAIN, WHICH HAD HAD BEEN SILENT IN JWP, STATED IT WAS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED ABOUT BEEF IMPORT BAN BUT FEARED ITS PRECEDENT-SETTING IMPLICATIONS. YUGOSLAVIA AND SPAIN TOUCHED ON, BUT DID NOT EMPHASIZE, POSSIBLE RELEVANCE OF TRADE PLEDGE.

4. U.S. DEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO SECGEN FOR BRINGING MATTER TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION AND TO SIMANTOV FOR EXCELLENT ORAL REPORT. STRESSED PROBLEM NOT LIMITED TO EC, AND REITERATED CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS OF EC ACTION ON U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTENSIFYING EFFECT ON CATTLE CYCLE. SAID TIMING PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE JUST IN ADVANCE OF SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN MTN. TO ASSIST IN ANALYSIS OF SITUATION, ASKED THAT EC SUPPLY PRODUCTION, TRADE AND CONSUMPTION ESTIMATES ON CONTINUING BASIS ALONG WITH EC ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND TRENDS. STRONGLY URGED EC REVIEW AND MODIFY BAN AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

5. U.S. DEL INDICATED SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH JULY 25 JWP MEETING, WHICH GAVE COUNCIL ONLY RATHER LIMITED BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION, BUT DECLINED, IN RESPONSE SECGEN QUESTION, TO SUGGEST HOW OR WHERE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SITUATION MIGHT TAKE PLACE. JWP REPORT SUGGESTED FURTHER DISCUSSION IN JWP. N.Z. ONLY REP THAT SPECIFICALLY FAVORED DISCUSSION IN OECD. SIMANTOV TOLD COUNCIL OTHER ITEMS ON JWP'S FULL AGENDA FOR SEPT 9-10 MEETING (AGR/TC/WP/A(74)3) WOULD PERMIT NO MEANINGFUL

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DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT. (THUS, THOUGH EC NOTIFICATION IS ON AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED, WITH REFERENCE TO JULY 25 SESSION, IT UNLIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING.) SEGEN CLEARLY LEANED TOWARD FURTHER EXAMINATION, IN JWP OR ELSEWHERE IN OECD, IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. U.S. AGREED FURTHER DISCUSSION DESIRABLE BUT THOUGHT THAT TIMING AND FORUM SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN.

6. COMMENT. EC COMMISSION ATTITUDE AT COUNCIL MEETING WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE COOPERATIVE IN TONE THAN AT JWP. EC REP IN MEETING PROMISED QUICK TRANSMITTAL OF U.S. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AND CONTINUING DATA AND ESTIMATES TO BRUSSELS, POINT WHICH HE REEMPHASIZED PRIVATELY FOLLOWING MEETING. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO ASK USEC TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS REQUEST AND ON U.S. REQUEST AT JWP FOR CURRENT EC MEAT OR BEEF EXPORT DATA. SUCH DATA AND ESTIMATES WOULD LOGICALLY, IN MISSION VIEW, BE USEFUL IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHER MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION MENTIONED PARA 1(C), REF (A), REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HELD IN OECD, AND SHOULD ADD TO BASIS FOR PRESSING EC TO END BAN AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. AS REPORTED USEC TOFAS 163, JULY 31, LATEST OFFICIAL EC DATA ARE FOR 1972, NO DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR 1973, AND EC'S TENTATIVE ESTIMATES ARE AS REPORTED REF (B). THIS SEEMS TO US AN INADEQUATE BASIS FOR ANALYSIS OF CURRENT EC MEAT SITUATION.  
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